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**Subject:** Docket 2010-224-E - Gail Chatman v. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

**TO ALL PARTIES:**

Given 1) Ms. Chatman's late awareness of the prehearing conference due to internet connection problems, 2) her possible transportation issues, and 3) Ms. Shealy's travel and meeting schedule, I am suspending the scheduled prehearing conference at this time. In the last two weeks, Duke Energy has filed prefiled testimony and Ms. Chatman has provided her response to that testimony. With those filings now in the docket, and given the scheduling difficulties the parties face, it appears that it may benefit all parties to take time now to discuss, by telephone, the simplification or resolution of issues currently in dispute.

Therefore, I would like to have a **telephone conference call** to explore possible simplification of the pending issues, and to discuss whether disposition or settlement of the proceeding might be feasible without the need for a hearing in Columbia. Scheduling of a prehearing conference and final hearing, if necessary, will be discussed at the conclusion of the conference call.

We will have the conference call at 3:30 p.m. on Wed., August 4th. I will call the parties -- please provide me with the phone number you would like me to use. (My office phone can only conference up to three outside lines, so please let me know if other arrangements need to be made for additional participants.)

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**Subject:** Re: Hearing Examiner's Directive regarding Notice of a Prehearing Conference ...

I just received e-mail notification of the scheduling of a pre-conference hearing. My internet connection has been down for 9-days.

I am not certain whether I shall be able to attend mainly due to transportation issues at this late notice. **HOWEVER**, I shall work on this issue the rest of the day, and will plot a map via "Map Quest"

to find your exact location. I should know by 6:00 p.m. today whether I shall be able to travel those 55 miles. I would be able to be involved in a telephone conference. Please advise. I am going to try to do whatever your office directs.

As far as my most recent "response" to D.E.C. direct testimony. The "response" was submitted via USPS to your office & to the attorney's of D.E.C. The supporting documents were only submitted to your office. The ORS (nor any other parties listed herewith) did not receive copies.

When, Ms. Shealy from the office of Robinson & McFadden made objection to the issue that I wanted information from the previous complaint (File#: **10-E-1188** filed at the end of April) to be added to this complaint (at the beginning of July), and had not submitted (served) a copy of it to her . . . since that time, D.E.C. through Robinson & McFadden (or Ms. Yarbrough) received a copy of every item.

**Gail Chatman**

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In a message dated 7/30/2010 2:05:41 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, [Joseph.Melchers@psc.sc.gov](mailto:Joseph.Melchers@psc.sc.gov) writes:

**Attached please find my Hearing Examiner's Directive: 1) regarding Notice of a Prehearing Conference and 2) addressing an issue regarding service of filed documents between the Parties of Record.**

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